

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety will be held on Thursday, October 9, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is National Institutes of Health clinical research. For further information, please call the committee, 202-224-5375.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

UNITED STATES-JAPAN
RELATIONS

• Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, last week witnessed a crucial development in United States-Japan relations: the new guidelines for defense cooperation between the United States and Japan were promulgated. This development will require further action before it become meaningful, however, as the Japanese Diet must pass legislation to make the guidelines operational.

The United States and Japan have maintained a strong and vital security relationship for a half century. Since 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security has been at the center of that relationship. That treaty also forms the core of our overall security strategy for the Asia Pacific region.

For historical reasons, and reasons having to do with constitutional interpretation, however, Japan's precise role in a regional crisis has been left largely undefined. With the end of the cold war and with raised tensions on the Korean Peninsula, the room for such ambiguity has narrowed significantly. A scenario in which American and Korean troops suffer casualties in a second Korean war while Japan debates what it could and could not do to assist in the effort would be a sure recipe for a collapse in the United States-Japan relationship.

Therefore, I am pleased that the new defense guidelines provide us a clearer understanding of Japan's role in the event of a regional crisis. Still, Japan must enact authorizing legislation to implement the guidelines. In addition, I believe Japan should move to resolve

problematic constitutional issues having to do with collective self-defense to ensure even greater clarity in the country's security role. As I often said, the drafters of Japan's Constitution held that the document in no way undermined Tokyo's ability to participate in regional security arrangements or U.N. activities.●

HONORING DR. HENRY BEECHER
HICKS, JR.

• Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, the times in which we live, and the challenges we face, require a special type of courage and vision to capture the attention of those we would lead into the next millennium. As never before, leadership is being tested in the crucible of social and family crises. We have witnessed the virtual implosion of the family unit. Violence encroaches on front yards and in schoolyards. The most vulnerable among us—the aged, the infant, the ill—are all impotent in the battle to survive downsizing, right-sizing, and the budget ax. Yet, the bull rush is on.

To be sure, enormous problems demand imaginative, visionary, and courageous answers. Where do these answers come from? In the case of the Nation's Capital—from behind the pulpit has stepped a champion for the people—Henry Beecher Hicks, Jr. The citizens of the District of Columbia, and surrounding environs, are fortunate to have among them an extraordinary man whose vision is focused, and whose commitment to the uplifting of America is unequivocal.

By title, Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., is the senior minister of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. By practice, he is a relentless advocate for the poor, consistent proponent of self-determination for the District of Columbia, champion for children and quality education, haven for the homeless, Samaritan for the sick, and a preacher's preacher who stands behind a pulpit adorned with a dove.

As an author and a teacher, he is respected in academic circles across the Nation. Never compromising excellence, he demands rigorous study and mental acuity from his students. He is at home wherever he places his bible—from the ivy covered walls of a New

England cathedral to a revival tent pitched on the muddy shores of the Mississippi. Dr. Hicks is revered by those in front and behind the pulpit. Academically grounded and oratorically gifted he is one of the Nation's foremost preachers.

On October 18, individuals from around the Nation, as well as those he mentors and pastors, will gather in Washington, DC, to pay tribute to his 20 years of service as senior minister of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. I take this opportunity to join them in saluting this outstanding pastor and preacher.●

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF
HOLLAND'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I stand today to proudly recognize the city of Holland's sesquicentennial anniversary. One hundred and fifty years ago this unique city was founded by a group of Dutch settlers who envisioned a town similar to their native Holland. Today, the city's rich Dutch heritage is still evident and continues to be a source of great pride for residents.

The State of Michigan is home to not only Dutch ancestry but a wide array of different cultures and ethnicities. I strongly believe this multiculturalism serves Michigan well as a useful learning tool which links our communities together. Holland has built upon this notion by fully embracing its distinct ancestry and showcasing their Dutch traditions for all to experience and enjoy.

On its 150th anniversary, Holland has pulled out all the stops to ensure this special occasion does not slip away unnoticed. Befitting of this celebration is a visit from Her Royal Highness Princess Margrite of the Netherlands whose presence will serve as a capstone to the festivities. This momentous visit by the Princess and other dignitaries of The Netherlands offers a fine tribute to Holland and highlights the city's strong Dutch roots.

Mr. President, I am honored to pay tribute to the city of Holland on its 150th anniversary, and extend my congratulations to Mayor McGeehan and the residents of Holland on this auspicious occasion.●

FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following report(s) of standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 11 TO JAN. 21, 1997

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Ted Stevens:									
Morocco	Dirham	4,168.71	475.34					4,168.71	475.34
Israel	Dollar		417.00						417.00